

# Aquifer Exemption Proposal Status

## *Lynch Canyon*



AE Application	EPA makes a ruling on the aquifer exemption status
Lynch Canyon - Lanigan	

**Status:** *Complied requested data.*

- On track - Anticipate reverting data package to EPA by end of Aug 2022.

**Current Activities:**

**May 13, 2022:** *Additional requested information loaded to Box.com and will be transmitted to SWB May 13.*

**June 13, 2022:** District to meet with SWB to discuss data package.

**July 2022:** Discussed remaining deliverables with SWB. No new data created.

**August 15, 2022:** Responses shared with US EPA informally.

**Anticipated Next Steps:**

Once responses have been reviewed by US EPA, Northern District will share the package with HQ to have Uduak sign the "Uduak Letter" and then formally submit the package to US EPA.

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## Sespe



AE Application	EPA makes a ruling on the aquifer exemption status
Sespe	

**Status:** US EPA comments have been shared with the operator.

- On track - Anticipate reverting data package to EPA by Sep 2022.

### Current Activities:

**May 13, 2022:** Northern District is trying to get one last copy of an original file. The new operator did not generate the AE package.

**June 13, 2022:** Discussed package with District staff and will transmit data to SWB by end of week.

**July 18, 2022:** Met with US EPA and SWB over recent Sespe AE comments.

**August 15, 2022:** Responses to US EPA comments to be shared with SWB by 08/22/22.

### Anticipated Next Steps:

SWB will review the responses to US EPA comments and provide any updates or concerns. Once the package is updated, Northern District will work with US EPA to finalize the package.

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## Lompoc



AE Application	CalGEM send AE application package to EPA
Lompoc	Sep-22

**Status:** *Public comment period documents created by District.*

- On track due to few comments received. Expected to send package to EPA this year.

**Current Activities:**

**May 13, 2022:** A total of 7 comments received, 6 written and 1 from the public hearing.

**June 13, 2022:** DOC Legal will take a first look at all public comments and will share any technical comments with the district to answer.

**July 18, 2022:** Northern District received comments back from Legal and has worked on the technical comment responses.

**August 15, 2022:** Responses to the technical comments have been completed by Northern District and will be sent back to DOC Legal for approval on 08/16/22.

**Anticipated Next Steps:**

Northern District will work with CalGEM UIC HQ to complete technical comments and then share with SWB for any additional responses.

# Aquifer Exemption Proposal Status

*Holser*



AE Application	CalGEM send AE application package to EPA
Holser	Dec-22

**Status:** Comments on public comment period documents received from SWB.

- On track due to few comments received. Expected to send package to EPA this year.

**Current Activities:**

**June 13, 2022:** DOC Legal will take a first look at all public comments and will share any technical comments with the district to answer.

**July 18, 2022:** Northern District has received the comments from DOC Legal and will be working on responding to the technical comments.

**August 15, 2022:** DOC Legal has shared the responses to public comment with SWB.

**Anticipated Next Steps:**

Northern District will update the public comment responses with any additions/changes from SWB. If SWB approves of the comments and the AE package, they will then work to draft a Final Approval letter. With the Final SWB Approval letter, the AE package can be reviewed by the Natural Resources Agency for approval to send to US EPA.

## Oxnard Conduit Analysis



Problem well Identification Goals	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22
Oxnard - Operator's title and Plugged wells review. Data submission to CalGEM									
Oxnard - CalGEM Review									
Oxnard - WaterBoard Review									

**Conduit Analysis Status:** Letter has been sent to CalNRG ensuring no injection in this area. No longer a non-compliant AE. A formal update letter will be sent to EPA after suspension of injection in Mt. Poso.

### Current Activities:

**April 15, 2022:** CalGEM HQ completed and signed a "Notice to Suspend Injection" letter to CalNRG for the steam injection project in the Oxnard field.

### Anticipated Next Steps:

- Northern District has reassigned the engineer working on the Oxnard conduit analysis to the Cat Canyon conduit analysis. CalNRG will continue to work on the conduit analysis documents. Northern District will return to the Oxnard conduit analysis once the Cat Canyon conduit analysis is complete.

# Cat Canyon Conduit Analysis



Problem well Identification Goals	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
Cat Canyon - Idle and Plugged well review, Data submission to CalGEM											
Cat Canyon - CalGEM Review											
Cat Canyon - WaterBoard Review											

Conduit Analysis Status: Behind 2 months

## Current Activities:

**June 13, 2022:** Data package for CRC wells was shared with SWB and RWQCB for review. District is in close contact with operators to finalize remaining data.

**July 18, 2022:** Final data packages from 3 operators expected within 1-2 weeks. The final operator (Cat Canyon Resources) has communicated it may take them up to 3 months to complete their data updates to the standard other operators have been held to. CalGEM will continue to work with Cat Canyon Resources to identify opportunities to condense the schedule, including a plan to submit data in batches until all data is received.

**August 15, 2022:** Updated packages received from Team Operating and B.E. Conway. Northern District is reviewing now.

## Anticipated Next Steps:

Northern District is reviewing updated packages and will share with SWB for their review by end of August.

# Midway Sunset II (Tulare) Conduit Analysis



Problem well Identification Goals	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22
MWSS - Idle and Plugged wells review, Data submission to CalGEM									
MWSS - CalGEM Review									
MWSS - WaterBoard Review									

Conduit Analysis Status: **On Track**

## Current Activities:

Well Status	Conduit analysis : MWSS		
	Meets Standard	Does not meet standard, requires review	Sum
Idle	27	3	30
P&A	9	87	96
Sum	32	94	126

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Met with WB and discussed P&A and Idle wells. One P&A well {0402989140} was added to the does not meet standard list.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Submitted a revised idle well testing and compliance list to WB. Awaiting WB final evaluation.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Received the final review from WB. One additional well {API #0402968654} that is a concern to the Water Boards. In addition, one Idle well {API # 0403034631} was identified by WB.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Met with Operators and shared the final review and discussed the monitoring plan due by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 :** Met with WB to discuss monitoring plan. Follow up meeting with Operators representative and discussed requirements for monitoring plan.

## Anticipated Next Steps:

- Create a monitoring plan to address problematic wells and submit to WB for review.

# Kern River Conduit Analysis



Problem well Identification Goals	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
Meeting with Operators											
Kern River - Idle and Plugged wells review. Data submission to CalGEM											
Kern River - CalGEM Review											
Kern River - WaterBoard Review											

Conduit Analysis Status: **On Track**

## Current Activities:

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** CRC confirmed two idle wells SEC 13 WD-1 and SEC 13 WD-2 are scheduled to be abandoned in 2024. Chevron to provide work plan for the remaining wells.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** One additional P&A well 0402963679 was identified as problem well by WB.

Well Status	CalGEM conduit analysis: Kern River		
	Meets Standard	Does not meet standard, requires review	Sum
Idle	11	3	14
P&A	54	10	64
Sum	65	13	78

**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Operator working on a monitoring plan. A draft plan was received, CalGEM has provided feedback.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Met with WB to discuss monitoring plan. Follow up meeting with Operator and discussed requirements for monitoring plan.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Meeting with Operator scheduled.

## Anticipated Next Steps:

Create a Work plan to address problematic wells and submit to WB for review.



# Mt Poso Dorsey Conduit Analysis



Problem well Identification Goals	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
Meeting with Operators											
Mount Poso - Idle and Plugged wells review, Data											
Submission to CalGEM											
Mount Poso - CalGEM Review											
Mount Poso - WaterBoard Review											

Conduit Analysis status: Complete- CalGEM and WB concur on results. 5 of 6 wells identified as problematic. 1 well meets standards.

## Current Activities:

**March 7th, 2022:** Verbally conveyed to the Operator regarding issues with AOR radius of the well Mon 760 (029-73394) being outside the AE boundary and need to cease injection.

**April 4th, 2022:** Met with Cimarron Oil LLC agent. Communicated our concern of AOR review and migration of injection water outside the approved AE.

**April 12th, 2022:** Sent operator a letter for signature to voluntary cease injection on to MON 760. Operator expressed unwillingness to sign quoting pending litigation.

**April 15th, 2022:** Review various options such as current injection and radius of influence.

**May 24th, 2022:** Met with SWB and RWCB to discuss application viability and timeline.

**31st May 2022:** Met with District leadership and forwarded recommendation for cease injection on MON 760 to HQ for review.

**16th June 2022:** Letter to suspend injection in Mon 760 has been drafted. Letter will be sent to operator in 1-2 weeks. A formal letter will be sent to EPA after suspension of injection in Mt. Poso.

**July 8th, 2022:** Cease injection letter sent to Operator. Operator representative acknowledge receipt.

**July 16th, 2022:** Water injection into Mon. #760 has been terminated effective 7/16/2022.

**July 19th, 2022:** Field unit verified injection lines disconnected.

**August 11th, 2022:** Operator and representative discussed with CalGEM the decision to cease injection on to MON 760.

## Anticipated Next Steps:

Continue review of the AE application.



## Revised Mt Paso AE area

Modified proposal area which has been reduced from ~ 260 acres to ~ 144 acres.

AOR of the injection wells falls outside the current AE boundary.

The proposal is to convert from WD to WF.

No change to Conduit analysis.

